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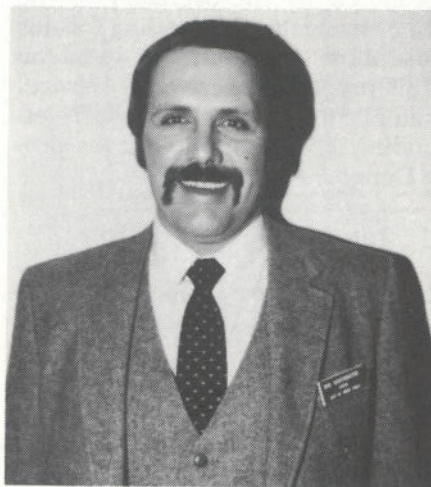
MONTANA AERONAUTICS DIVISION

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AERONAUTICS BOARD WELCOMES THREE

The Montana Aeronautics Board has welcomed three new members. They include Robert Worthington, Great Falls, representing the League of Cities and Towns; Brad DeZort, Fairfield, representing the County Commissioners; and Fred Lark, Lewistown, representing the Montana Pilots Association.

Reappointed to the Board were Ted Mathis, Belgrade, representing the Montana Airport Management Association, and Jim McLean, Bozeman, who represents the



Robert Worthington

Chamber of Commerce and who was also appointed Board chairman.

Worthington is vice president of the Montana League of Cities and Towns, mayor of Great Falls, and is active in a number of other activities in the Great Falls community. He has been involved and had an interest in aviation since 1964 and has held a pilots license.

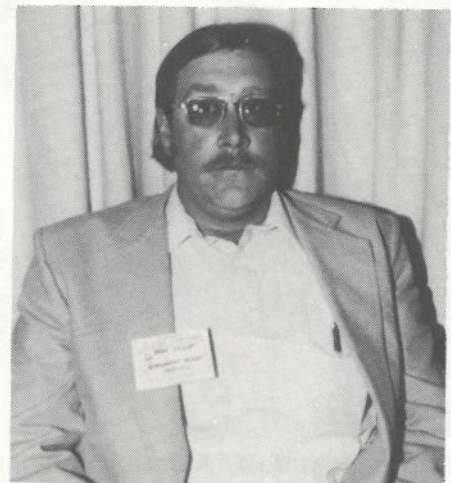
DeZort has a farm west of Great Falls and is county commissioner for Teton County. He lived in Alaska for ten years and did some flying while he lived there, working in a prop shop to earn money for

college. He has also lived and worked in Australia.

Lark is in communications and owns the radio stations in Lewistown. He has been involved in aviation for ten years, flying all over the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. He has been the Rockwell International Pilot of the Year for Business Aviation and represented the Shell Oil Company in testing oil. He has also taken care of public relations and communications at the Mountain Search Pilot Clinic sponsored by the Aeronautics Division.



Fred Lark



Brad DeZort

Administrator's Column

Statewide Aviation Conference. I found it very gratifying to experience the tremendous success of the first Statewide Combined Aviation Conference held in Great Falls March 7, 8, and 9. It was only through the significant contributions of the Montana aviation organizations, the exhibitors, guest speakers, educators, the FAA, as well as the staff of our Aeronautics Division that this Conference was so well received. Plans are already being formulated for next year's Conference. The MATA will be the host organization and it will be held in Billings. The exact date has not been set as we must coordinate with the North Dakota conference so we can take advantage of many of the same exhibitors and speakers. However, it will be about the same time of year. I would like to express my most sincere thanks to everyone whose participation made this Conference such a success.

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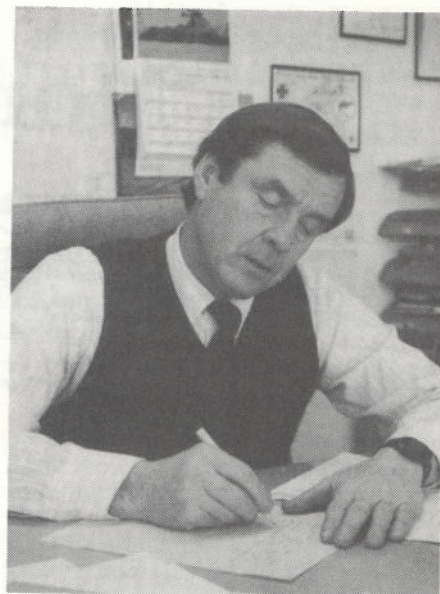
Essential Air Service. I traveled to Washington, D.C., on March 3 to meet with the state representatives of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota to address the concerns regarding the future of the Essential Air Service program. This program is part of the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act which guarantees essential air service to small communities for ten years — thus terminating in 1988. The budget proposed by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation Elizabeth Dole eliminates the funding for this program and, therefore, would likely cause most, if not all, the Montana communities receiving air service under this program to lose their service. The states' delegations met with many senators and representatives in an effort to gain their support for continued funding for the duration of the program in accordance with the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act.

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Conference Recognition. I was caught totally by surprise and, needless to say, very honored when Don Clausen, director of the Aviation Education Program for the FAA in Washington, D.C., and former Congressman from California, presented me with a certificate of commendation from Donald Engen, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.



Mary Jo Knouff, Aviation Education Specialist for the FAA out of Washington, D.C., and Mike Ferguson, Aeronautics Administrator, pose with Congressman Don Clausen following his presentation to them of special FAA awards.



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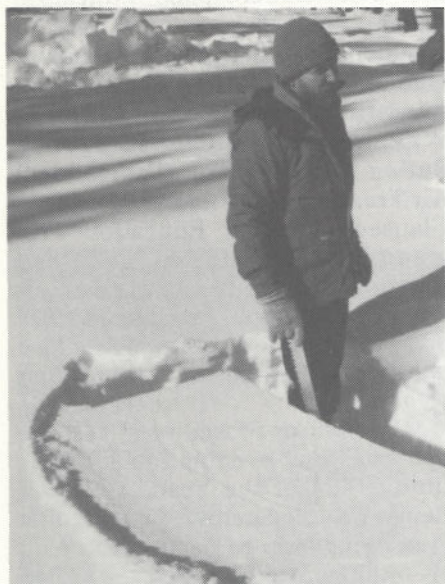
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Survival Clinic Weathers Storm

The worst storm of the spring season ushered in the Winter Survival Clinic sponsored by the Montana Aeronautics Division. The Clinic was held March 1 - 3 and was taught by Skip Stoffel and Rick LaValla from the Emergency Response Institute of Seattle.

Classroom sessions began on Friday evening with 41 participants on hand. The storm blew in in earnest on Friday night, and by Saturday morning you almost "couldn't get there from here." Skip and Rick may have been the only ones who were really pleased by the weather. Nevertheless, a few of the hardier souls ventured to the outdoor training exercises held at the Lincoln Airport. This year there was certainly no concern about there being enough snow to build igloos, snow caves, and other shelters.

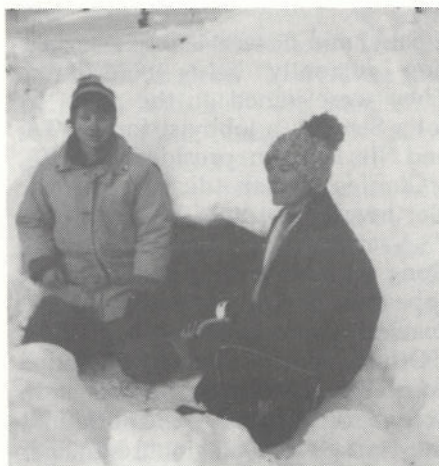
Many of those "survivors" who had driven to the clinic from out of town had rather interesting trips home and no doubt realized that the survival gear they regularly carried in the trunk left something to be desired.



With snow up to his knees, Skip Stoffel demonstrates the use of a snow saw to cut blocks for a shelter.



A tarp was used by Gary Drosten (left) and Mike Lynch, both of Helena, as a part of their shelter.



Barbra Proulx of the Aeronautics Division staff and Marcia Carroll, Helena, pose beside their snow cave.

Missoula FSS Changes Phone Number

Effective April 15, the Missoula Flight Service Station will provide a Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS), number 1-800-641-0078. The local number for the Missoula FSS has also been changed to 721-2576.

CALENDAR

March 22-24 - Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Helena.

April 23-May 1 - NATA Convention and Trade Show, Las Vegas, Nev.

July 19-21 - Schafer Meadows Fly-In.

July 19-21 - Kalispell Fly-In.

July 26-Aug. 2 - EAA International Fly-In Convention, Oshkosh, Wisc.

July 27 - Hamilton to Jackpot Air Race.

Aug. 2-4 - MAAA Fly-In, Three Forks. Contact Bud Hall at 586-3933.

Sept. 13-15 - Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell.

Oct. 4-6 - Montana Flying Farmers Convention, Glacier Hotel, Cut Bank

Oct. 5 - Great Falls to Jackpot Air Race.

CRITIQUE...

How did you like the Conference? Do you have suggestions for improving it? Ideas for next year? Let us hear from you. Send any comments you may have to the Montana Aeronautics Division, Box 5178, Helena, MT 59604.

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Over 320 Montanans interested in aviation registered for the Statewide Aviation Conference held March 7 — 9, 1985, in Great Falls. Thirty-eight booth exhibitors representing all facets of the aviation industry and all parts of the United States prepared displays.

Lt. Gov. George Turman was featured at the kick-off luncheon on Thursday along with Keith Colbo, director of the Department of Commerce, and Mayor Robert Worthington of Great Falls. Lt. Gov. Turman read a proclamation by the Governor declaring March 3 - 9 aviation week in Montana. He also presented a plaque to Herb Sammons, outgoing chairman of the Montana Aeronautics Board, in recognition of his contributions to aviation in the state through his membership on and chairmanship of the board.

Concurrent sessions, which ranged through the whole field of aviation interest, provided good information and were well attended. The annual Aviation Mechanics Refresher Seminar, sponsored by the Aeronautics Division, was held in conjunction with the Conference, and many of those sessions were also attended by others. Three Montana legislators - Rep. Raymond Brandewie of Bigfork, Rep. Bob Gilbert from Sidney, and Rep. Tom Asay of Forsyth - took time from their legislative duties to appear on



A view of the lobby from high up on the mezzanine shows the ultralight displayed by Woodhouse Products and the kiosk used for registration.

a panel and discuss aviation legislation currently being considered. They were joined on the panel by John Semple, a lobbyist for MATA, and Nils Pearson, president of MPA.

Charles Foster, director of the Northwest Mountain Region of the FAA, attended the Conference and, along with several of his directors, appeared at a listening session answering questions and concerns.

Other special guests included Tom Watt, Director of the Aviation Branch of Alberta Transportation, and Harry Fallis, Regional Manager of Aviation Safety for the Canadian Air Transportation Administration. These gentlemen conducted two concurrent sessions. Alberta pins

became an item for barter among those who were lucky enough to get one and those who wished they had. Patricia Keyes, Regional Representative of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, was also present for much of the Conference. Another special guest was Mary Jo Knouff, Aviation Education Specialist with the FAA from Washington, D.C., who appeared on the aviation/aerospace education panel on Saturday.

Luncheon and dinner speakers included Bill Shea, Associate Administrator of Airports, FAA, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence Burian, President of the National Air Transportation Association; Don Clausen, Aviation Education Program, FAA, Washington, D.C.; and John Baker, President of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. (See article in the next issue of *Montana and the Sky* with a summary of their remarks.)

MPA awards presented at the dinner on Friday evening included the Junior Pilot of the Year to Delmar Benjamin of Shelby, Outstanding Pilot of the Year to Harold Matovich of Billings, and the Bent Prop Award to Buster Redfield, Glasgow. Leona Strouf, president of the Flying Farmers, introduced Marilyn Lewis, Flying Farmers Woman of the Year; and Steve Vold introduced



Booths were set up in the pool area and featured many interesting displays.

Jim Stroh, Havre, who had accepted the FBO of the Year award for Hensley Flying Service.

Many of the aviation groups held business and/or board meetings during the Conference, with MAMA and MPA electing officers. Ted Mathis, manager of Gallatin Field in Belgrade, was elected president of MAMA for a two-year term; and Tom Johnson, Cut Bank, was elected president of MPA.

Speaker for the Saturday luncheon was Don Clausen, former Congressman from California and director of the Aviation Education Program for the FAA in Washington, D.C. Prior to his remarks, Clausen made two special awards. The first was to Mary Jo Knouff, aviation education specialist and a member of his staff, who was supervisor of aviation education for the Montana Aeronautics Commission in the 1960s. She was recognized for her special contributions to aviation education throughout her career. The second award was a special certificate, signed by Donald Engen, administrator of the FAA, to Mike Ferguson for his special interest in and efforts toward aviation education in Montana.

Another special presentation made during the Saturday luncheon was the VanDeRiet Scholarship. This is a flight scholarship awarded as a memorial to Jack VanDeRiet by his family. His brother Ray, Augusta, made the presentation.



The 99s probably have more fun at a business meeting than any other group. This one was held in the coffee shop.

The scholarship was given this year to Michael Huntley of Missoula.

Two very interesting panels occupied most of Saturday afternoon. The first was a panel on aviation/aerospace education. The second, which drew Conference participants and also the mechanics seminar group, discussed the use of auto fuel in aircraft.

The Saturday banquet began with resolutions by the MPA read by Nils Pearson, outgoing president, which included a special thank you to the Conference host Great Falls Hangar and Tim Williamson, chairman of their Conference committee. He also presneted life memberships in the MPA to Vivienne Schrank, Jordan; Gordon Sands, Havre; and Walt Hensley, also from Havre. The Senior Pilot of the Year award was presented to Don Brown of Helena, and the VanDeRiet Flight Safety

Award went to Bill Tubbs, Hamilton. Ted Mathis, newly elected president of MAMA, presented outgoing president Joe Attwood with a plaque in appreciation of his efforts during his tenure.

A meeting was held on Sunday morning for the purpose of selecting a host organization and location for the 1986 Statewide Conference. It was decided that the next Conference will be held in Billings and will be hosted by the MATA. During the next year, guidelines will be worked out for determining selection of host organization and location in the future and for division of any proceeds from the Conferences. A meeting will be held in Helena on April 20 with the MPA, the MATA as 1986 hosts, the Aeronautics Division, and the presidents of the aviation organizations, to begin this process and to critique the 1985 Conference.



The MAMA business meeting was held in one of the smaller rooms which were also used for concurrent sessions.



Rep. Bob Gilbert (left) and Rep. Raymond Brandewie (right) discuss a point with Lobbyist John Semple just before the legislative panel begins.



Russ Pankey, manager of Johnson-Bell Field in Missoula, served as moderator of the legislative panel. Here he listens to a question from the podium while Nils Pearson and Rep. Tom Asay prepare their responses.



Lawrence Burian (left), president of NATA and speaker at the Friday dinner, visits with Bob Palmersheim, Billings. Palmersheim is a former member of the NATA Board.



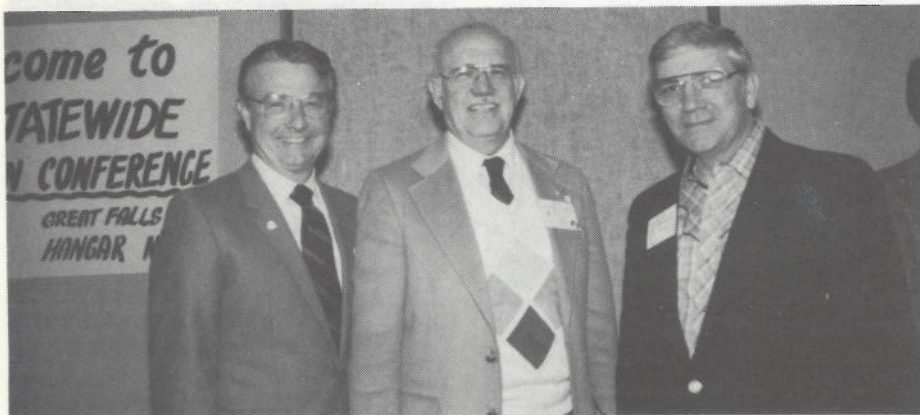
A plaque in appreciation of his years of service to the aviation community through membership on and chairmanship of the Aeronautics Board is presented to Herb Sammons by Lt. Gov. George Turman.



Two special guests - Bill Shea, Associate Administrator of Airports for the FAA, and Patricia Keyes, Regional Representative of the Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation - visit following the luncheon at which Shea addressed the group.



Recipient of the Junior Pilot of the Year Award, Delmar Benjamin of Shelby receives a plaque from Jay Billmayer.



The cameraman catches three special guests all together - (from left) Bill Shea, Charles Foster, and Lawrence Burian.



The Outstanding Pilot of the Year Award, given by the MPA, is presented to Harold Matovich (right), Billings, by Jay Billmayer, committee chairman. Matovich was responsible for "talking down" a plane being flown by the passenger when the pilot became ill.



Tom Watt, Director of the Aviation Branch of Alberta Transportation, finds a quiet corner and an empty table for a few minutes' rest.



Bill Tubbs, Hamilton, (right) receives VanDeRiet Flight Safety Trophy from Ray VanDeRiet.



Two of the three recipients of lifetime memberships in MPA — Vivienne Schrank of Jordan and Gordon Sands of Havre -receive their plaques from Nils Pearson, outgoing president of MPA. The third recipient, Walt Hensley of Havre, was out of the state on vacation and unable to attend the Conference.



Buster Redfield, Opheim, won the Bent Prop Award. It's a long story - ask him sometime!



A beautiful clock was given to Joe Attwood in appreciation of his work as president of MAMA. Ted Mathis, newly elected MAMA president, made the presentation.



Don Brown, Helena, received the Senior Pilot of the Year Award. He is congratulated by his wife Esther and Nils Pearson.



Fred Lark presents a Wings pin to John Baker.



Stopping by the head table for a few words with John Baker are Morris Lindsey of Great Falls (foreground) and Ed Obie, Sr., Chinook. Behind the table are (from left) Harry Fallis, Regional Manager of Aviation Safety for the Canadian Air Transportation Administration, John Baker, Mike Ferguson, and Tom Johnson, new president of the MPA from Cut Bank.

CONGRATULATIONS!

FAA Certificates Issued Recently to Pilots

PRIVATE

George DiKun Bozeman
William Nidermaier Bozeman
Don Josephson Sidney
Christopher Beebe Missoula
Wendy Cromwell Bonner
Ricky Trebas Missoula
Daniel Normandean Ronan
Gary Gilmore Deer Lodge
Evan Bowen Anaconda

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